

1 Fetal Death

2 Infant Deaths

113 Marriages

32 Induced Abortions

OLDEST, YOUNGEST, ETC. IN 1999...

Oldest Bride: 88 years Youngest Bride: 13 years Oldest Groom: 97 years Youngest Groom: 15 years Oldest Mother: 48 years Youngest Mother: 12 years Oldest Father: 86 years Youngest Father: 14 years

Oldest Male Decedent: 117 years Oldest Female Decedent: 111 years

Highest Birth Order: 14 Largest Live Birth: 7153 grams (15 lbs. 12 oz.)

EACH DAY IN LOUISIANA IN 1999...

184 Live Births 112 Deaths 31 to teens aged 15 through 19 33 from heart disease 82 to unmarried mothers 26 from cancer

18 low weight births 5 from unintentional injuries 49 cesarean sections 3 from motor vehicle injuries

1 from homicide

LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES IN 1999...

Vital Event	Louisiana	United States
Live Births		
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.3	14.5
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 through 19	62.6	49.6
Percent of total births to Unmarried Women	44.7%	33.0%
Percent of total births with 1 st Trimester Entry into Prenatal Care	82.9%	82.8%
Percent of total births that were Low Weight (<2500 grams or 5lbs. 8oz.)	10.0%	7.6%
Percent of total births delivered by Cesarean method	26.8%	22.0%
Fetal Deaths		
Fetal Mortality Rate (20+ weeks gestation)	7.5	N.A.
Deaths		
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 (2000 Standard Population) for:		
Heart Disease	306.6	267.8
Cancer	232.8	202.7
Stroke	69.1	61.8
Accidents	44.6	35.9
Diabetes	42.4	25.2
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	40.8	45.8
Pneumonia and Influenza	25.9	23.6
Homicide	10.7	6.2
HIV Infection	8.7	5.4
Nephritis	23.4	13.1
Infant Mortality		
Infant Mortality Rate	9.2	7.1

SUMMARY OF VITAL EVENTS IN 1999

POPULATION SUMMARY

State population: 4,372,035

Louisiana has the 22nd largest population among the fifty states. After a loss in population during the late 1980s, the number of people living in Louisiana has risen to levels seen in the early 1980s.

Percent of population in race group: 65.9% white, 32.4% black, 1.7% other race

The national breakdown by race is 82.4% white, 12.8% black, and 4.8% other race.

LIVE BIRTH SUMMARY

Number of births: 67,034

This is an increase of 0.4% from the 66,773 births in 1998. This number is far below the 1982 high of 84,531 births.

Birth Rate: 15.3 live births per 1,000 population

This is the fourth lowest state birth rate in this half century, equal to the 1998 rate of 15.3. The 1995, 1996, and 1997 rates of 14.7, 15.0, and 15.2.

Fertility Rate: 67.6 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years

The fertility rate has dropped 15.7% since the 1981 rate of 80.2, and 5.6% since the 1991 rate of 71.6.

Number of births to teens aged 15-19 years: 11,492

This is a slight drop from the 11,989 births to teens aged 15-19 that occurred in 1998.

Birth Rate in teens aged 15-19 years: 62.6 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19

Although there is a slight change from the 1998 rate of 65.2, the birth rate for 15-19 year olds has fallen substantially during the 1990s, with a drop of 17.5% from the 1991 rate of 75.9.

Percent of births to unmarried women: 44.7% of total live births

This is identical to the 1998 figure of 44.8%. The number of 1999 out-of-wedlock births is 17.0% higher than its 1991 level of 38.3% of total live births.

Percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester: 83.9% of total live births

The percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has risen steadily during the 1990s, up 3.3% from its 1991 level of 75.0% of total live births. Down from 82.3% in 1998.

Percent of live births less than 2500 grams: 10.0% of total live births

In recent years, Louisiana has seen a steady rise in the percent of low birthweight babies, up from 9.4% of total births in 1992, 9.6% in 1994, and 9.9% in 1996.

Percent of live births delivered by cesarean section: 26.8% of total live births

Final 1999 data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics report that Louisiana had the second highest rate of cesarean deliveries in the country.

SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEATH SUMMARY (20+ weeks gestation or 350+ grams)

Number of fetal deaths: 521

This is a increase from 1998's 495 fetal deaths

Fetal Mortality Rate: 7.3 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.

INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SUMMARY

Number of induced terminations performed in Louisiana: 12,008

This is a decrease of 657 from the 11,351 terminations performed in the state in 1998.

DEATH SUMMARY

Number of deaths: 40,976

This figure is slightly higher than the 1998 death count of 40,209, and it continues the slow, steady increase in the number of deaths in the state over the past two decades. (There were 35,172 deaths in 1978 and 37,582 deaths in 1988.)

Crude Death Rate: 937.2 deaths per 100,000 population

For the past five years, the crude death rate has remained stable, at approximately 919 deaths per 100,000 population.

Ten Leading Causes of Death - - Crude and Age-Adjusted Death Rates

The ten leading causes of death and their associated rates are:

Cause of Death	Crude Rate per 100,000 Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 (2000 Standard Population)	
Heart Disease	273.2	306.6	
Cancer	214.2	232.8	
Stroke	60.9	69.1	
Accidents	43.5	44.6	
Diabetes	38.5	42.4	
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	36.6	40.8	
Influenza and Pneumonia	22.5	25.9	
Nephritis	20.8	23.4	
Septicemia	16.2	18.2	
Alzheimer's Disease	15.6	18.4	

INFANT MORTALITY SUMMARY

Number of infant deaths: 618

Although the past 20 years has seen a steady overall decrease in the number of infant deaths (in 1980 there were 1175 infant deaths, and in 1990 there were 796), in 1999 there were 12 more deaths than the 606 that occurred in 1998.

Infant Mortality Rate: 9.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

The 1999 infant mortality rate was slightly higher than the 1998 rate of 9.1. During the 1980s, there was a steady decline in the state's infant mortality, from 14.3 in 1980 to 11.5 in 1989. In the 1990s this rate of decline has slowed.

MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMARY

Number of Maternal Deaths: 8

During the 1990s, the number of maternal deaths each year has fluctuated between 2 and 14. Between 1990 to 1999, there were 68 maternal deaths.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SUMMARY

Number of Marriages: 41,343

This is an increase of 1,799 marriages from the 39,544 marriages that occurred in 1998. During the 1990s, the number of marriages each year has fluctuated around 40,000.

Number of Covenant Marriages: 499

This is the third year in which Louisiana residents have been given a choice between a traditional marriage and a covenant marriage. This choice became available to Louisiana residents on August 14, 1997.

Number of Divorces (reported by 45 out of 64 parishes): 13,496

Because divorce reports were submitted by 70% of the 64 parishes in Louisiana this year, divorce counts are underreported.